

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

5 Day Chronological Bible Reading Program WWW.FIVEDAYBIBLEREADING.COM

Week Six: February 5-11

- Day 1: Exodus 16-18; Ephesians 4
- Day 2: Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5
- Day 3: Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Ephesians 6
- Day 4: Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1
- Day 5: Exodus 28-31; Philippians 2

Week Seven: February 12-18

- Day 1: Exodus 32-34; Philippians 3
- Day 2: Exodus 35-37; Psalm 26; Philippians 4
- Day 3: Exodus 38-40; Hebrews 1
- Day 4: Leviticus 1-3; Psalm 27; Hebrews 2
- Day 5: Leviticus 4-7; Hebrews 3

Week Eight: February 19-25

- Day 1: Leviticus 8-11; Psalm 110; Hebrews 4
- Day 2: Leviticus 12-14; Psalm 111; Hebrews 5
- Day 3: Leviticus 15-18; Psalm 31; Hebrews 6
- Day 4: Leviticus 19-20; Hebrews 7
- Day 5: Leviticus 21-23; Hebrews 8

Week Nine: February 26- March 4

- Day 1: Leviticus 24-25; Psalm 81; Hebrews 9
- Day 2: Leviticus 26-27; Psalm 112; Hebrews 10
- Day 3: Numbers 1-2; Psalm 64; Hebrews 11
- Day 4: Numbers 3-5; Hebrews 12
- Day 5: Numbers 6-7; Hebrews 13

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What areas of ministry have you served? Tommy - *Served 25 years as Pastor of 4 churches in Arkansas and Texas, Ouachita Baptist Camp Board Member 10 years, Camp Director (1 year), Ouachita Baptist Association (sermon 2 years)* **Martha** - *I was a Sunday School Teacher and worked with Young Adults, Pre-teen, Children, and GA's*

Do you have a favorite verse and song or hymn? Tommy - *2 Chronicles 7:14 and Amazing Grace* **Martha** - *Jeremiah 29:11 and Amazing Grace*

What is your sweet treat? Tommy - *Peanut Patty* **Martha** - *Moo-Ilenium Crunch Ice Cream*

Do you have any hobbies or interesting facts to share? Tommy - *I'm the President Ouachita Beekeepers Club and Vice President of ATV Club. I built a small RV park on Board Camp Creek this past year. I like to take short trips in our Airstream Camper and enjoy listening to Allan Jackson and George Straight music.* **Martha** - *I enjoy some gardening, crafts, sewing, reading and art.*

How Did you Meet? Tommy – *After returning from 18 months in Vietnam all the girls in my High School class were either married or going off to college, but I had a friend going to Texarkana College surely he would know some girls who were not committed to someone. He worked at Sears Roebuck, so I went by to see him while there I spotted Martha working the Catalog Counter. I asked him if he could get me a date with her. He did, it was kinda a blind date. After getting stopped by a cop because of her lead foot on our date night. We had our first date at which time we both knew that this was one God had planned for each of us. Five months later, we were married in spite of the flower shop canceling and the photographer dying. 54 years this May 9th!*

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crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them" (vv. 4-7).

Immorality is perhaps our generation's favorite substitute for love. Paul uses the Greek word porneia, which includes every kind of sexual sin. Popular culture desperately tries to blur the line between genuine love and immoral passion. But all such immorality is a total perversion of genuine love because it seeks self-gratification rather than the good of others. Impurity is another devilish perversion of love. Here Paul employs the Greek term akatharsia, which refers to every kind of filth and impurity. Specifically, Paul has in mind "filthiness," "foolish talk," and "crude joking," which are the peculiar characteristics of evil companionship. That kind of camaraderie has nothing to do with true love, and the apostle plainly says it has no place in the Christian's walk.

Covetousness is yet another corruption of love that stems from a narcissistic desire for self-gratification. It's the exact opposite of the example Christ set when He "gave Himself up for us" (v. 2). In verse 5, Paul equates covetousness with idolatry. Again, this has no place in the Christian walk, and according to verse 5, the person who is guilty of it "has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

Such sins, Paul says, "must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints" (v. 3). Of those who practice such things, he tells us, "Do not associate with them" (v. 7).

In other words, we are not showing authentic love unless we are intolerant of all the popular perversions of love. Most of the talk about love these days ignores this principle. "Love" has been redefined as a broad tolerance that overlooks sin and embraces good and evil alike. That's not love; it's apathy.

God's love is not at all like that. Remember, the supreme manifestation of God's love is the Cross, where Christ "loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (v. 2). Thus Scripture explains the love of God in terms of sacrifice, atonement for sin, and propitiation: "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). In other words Christ made Himself a sacrifice to turn away the wrath of an offended deity. Far from dismissing our sins with a benign tolerance, God gave His Son as an offering for sin, to satisfy His own wrath and justice in the salvation of sinners.

That is the very heart of the Gospel. God manifests His love in a way that upheld His holiness, justice, and righteousness without compromise. True love "does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Cor. 13:6).

That's the kind of love we are called to walk in. It's a love that is first pure, then peaceable.

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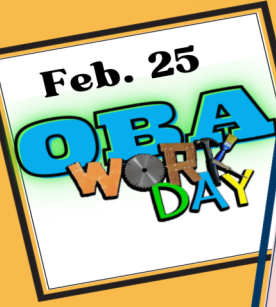
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Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. (Philippians 4:8)



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(ISAIAH 58:11)



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Dear church family,
As I considered what I should write my article about I quickly concluded that there was one thing I needed to write about. I want to take this space to bring to your attention a bill that is currently waiting to be brought out of committee in the Arkansas State legislature. The bill is HB1174 and is titled TO ADD PROTECTIONS FOR UNBORN CHILDREN BY ALLOWING PROSECUTION WHEN A PERSON CAUSES THE DEATH OF AN UNBORN CHILD; TO REPEAL LAWS THAT MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO PRESURE A PREGNANT WOMAN

TO GET AN ABORTION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. I have included a copy of the bill for you to read but will give the basic premise behind it here. This bill seeks to make abortion a punishable offense in the state of Arkansas. If passed, abortion would be viewed under the law as murder and those who procured it as well as those who carried it out could be charged. You may be wondering why this bill is necessary, after all, isn't abortion illegal already in our state? The simple answer to that question is that the laws that are in place fall short. Current Arkansas state

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law bans abortions but does not treat it as murder. This bill calls for and would set in place equal protection for unborn children. It would do this by making abortion legally equal to murder under the law. Let that sink in for a second, killing an unborn child is not viewed as murder under our current law. How is that? It is because our current laws do not hold a mother legally responsible if she seeks an abortion. Due to this shortfall, there is nothing currently keeping a woman from ordering abortion inducing pills over the internet and then inducing an abortion at home. Murder is murder and it must be punished as such.

Now I want to share what you can do. First, PRAY! Ask the Lord to awaken His church in our state to take a bold, biblical stand against this pestilence. Ask that He remove those in leadership who would stand against this law being passed and that He would give courage to those who know they should support it. Secondly, we need to make our voices heard. Senators Terry Rice and John Maddox need to hear from us that this is something we, those whom they represent, want to see passed. They need to know that we expect them to stand for what is right and not to cave under the pressure against this bill. Currently, this bill sits awaiting a senate sponsor because the senator who originally sponsored it has pulled his support. According to the rules for this legislative session, a bill cannot be heard in the house without a sponsor.

If we cannot speak up against this injustice, then what will we do? We have a responsibility before God to stand for truth and the truth is that ending the

life of an unborn child is murder, no matter how those who support it want to slant it. (HB1174 Bill enclosed)

Your fellow servant,

Bro. Kevin

True Love

by John MacArthur

"All you need is love." So sang the Beatles. If they'd been singing about God's love, the statement would have a grain of truth in it. But what usually goes by the name love in popular culture is not authentic love at all; it's a deadly fraud. Far from being "all you need," it's something you desperately need to avoid. The apostle Paul makes that very point in Ephesians 5:1-3. He writes, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints."

The simple command of verse 2 ("walk in love, as Christ loved us") sums up the whole moral obligation of the Christian. After all, God's love is the single, central principle that defines the Christian's entire duty. This kind of love is really "all you need." Romans 13:8-10 says, "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments ... are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Galatians 5:14 echoes that selfsame truth: "The whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Jesus likewise taught that all the Law and the Prophets hang on two simple principles about love—the first and second great commandments (Matt. 22:38-40). In other words, "love ... is the bond of perfection" (Col. 3:14 NKJV).

When Paul commands us to walk in love, the context reveals that in positive terms, he is talking about being kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving to one another (Eph. 4:32). The model for such selfless love is Christ, who gave His life to save His people from their sins. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

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**New Members
in 2022**

Alida Newbolt
Wyatt Newbolt
Collin Newbolt
Darcie Daugherty
Buddy Buck
Finleigh Robertson
Briggs Robertson
Mary Beth Tinnesz
Tom Tinnesz
Candace Casey
Shawn Jobe
Amy Casey
Rhonda Stephens
James Stephens
Preston Dubose
Barbara Dubose
Dianna Kulp
Tommy Payne
Martha Payne

**Average Attendance
January 2023**

Worship Services
(SUN AM/PM & WED) **109/35/115**
Sunday School **84**

**Financials
December 2022**

Month
Tithes & Offerings **\$25,968.30**
Expenses **\$22,506.49**
Net Balance **\$3,516.44**

Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings **\$338,674.02**
Expenses **\$370,076.19**
Net Balance **-\$31,209.34**

January financials will be available once they are finalized and will be reported in the February Broadcaster.

Music Notes

When I delivered the sermon a couple of weeks ago, I spoke about love for one another in the family of God. I emphasized three truths:

1. The foundation for living and functioning as the people of God is love (Ephesians 3:17).
2. The fountain for loving as the people of God is the life of Jesus in us (Ephesians 3).
3. The fruit of loving as the people of God is a worthy walk (Ephesians 4:1).

Love for one another will lead us to walk together in humility, empower us to work together in the ministry God has given us, and enable us to fulfill the purpose for which we exist as a church.

What is our purpose? The primary purpose of any New Testament church is not to draw a crowd, not to entertain the public or our members; its not even to evangelize the community. First and foremost, the church exists to bring glory to God.

Returning to Ephesians, Paul repeats a refrain in Chapter One. After he writes of the gracious acts of God in choosing us to be adopted into His family, Paul exclaims in verse 6, "to the praise of the glory of His grace"! Paul then recounts the gracious acts of God toward us, accomplished through Jesus Christ:

In the Beloved, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses (verse 7).

He made known to us the mystery of his plan to sum up all things in the universe under the administration of Jesus (verses 9-10).

We have obtained an inheritance according to the gracious work of God in Christ (verse 11).

After recounting these wonderful blessings that are ours in Christ, Paul states, in verse 12, that it is all to the end that we would be "to the praise of His glory".

Once more, after speaking of the blessings we have through the Holy Spirit, Paul exclaims, in verse 14, "To the praise of His glory".

I encourage each member of our First Baptist family to join us each Sunday as we seek to fulfill our primary purpose of glorifying God in worship, which then prepares us to live our lives in a manner that brings glory to God. (1 Peter 2:12)

Blessed to serve,
Bro. Vernon

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And "if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). In other words, true love is always sacrificial, self-giving, merciful, compassionate, sympathetic, kind, generous, and patient. These and many other positive, benevolent qualities (see 1 Cor. 13:4-8) are what Scripture associates with divine love. But notice the negative side as well, also seen in the context of Ephesians 5. The person who truly loves others as Christ loves us must refuse every kind of counterfeit love. The apostle Paul names some of these satanic forgeries. They include immorality, impurity, and covetousness. The passage continues: "Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor

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Members' Corner



Tommy and Martha Payne

Joined October 16, 2022

Where were you born and where did you grow up? Tommy - Ashdown, AR
Martha - Texarkana, TX

Previous Church: Flint Baptist (Tyler, TX)
Who makes up your family?

Steve (son), John (son-deceased) & Cynthia (daughter), 2 granddaughters Abby and Ella and 2 Grandsons Aidan and Shelton

How did you come to faith in Christ?

Tommy - While attending a revival with grandmother at about 12 years old. Surrendered to Pastoral ministry at age 26. First church was Chapel Hill Baptist in De Queen, AR at 30 years old and was there for 12 years.

Martha - As a small child, age 7, I realized I was lost without Jesus as my Savior and Lord and accepted Him in my life and was baptized at age 7. As a teenager I committed my life to service.

Tell us about your education and occupation? Tommy - USMC (Marine Corp) Combat Vet (18 months Vietnam combat), 6 months Civic Action coordinator in Vietnam with children the communities, Bachelor's Degree in Bible from Criswell College, 6 years Nekoosa—Edwards Paper Mill Ashdown, raised on a farm and worked on a cattle ranch as youth and teenager. Martha - High School graduate, some college, Administrative Assistant, Accounting, HR and office and RP Accounting.

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